

Applicant: Jorge A. Morando  
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7 shield assembly surrounding and forming a space between the drive element and the  
8 shield assembly sufficient to permit thermal expansion of the drive element;  
9 said pumping member having an inlet opening and including vanes  
10 for moving molten metal, the vanes creating passages therebetween;  
11 a strainer means mounted on said inlet opening, said strainer  
12 means having openings of a diameter narrower than the vane passages, and  
13 whereby debris larger than the strainer openings are removed from  
14 the molten metal before the metal passes through the vane passages.

REMARKS

Claim 46 has been added to round out the protection to which the Applicant feels entitled.

It is believed that this amendment places the application in better condition for examination and therefore its entry is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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